



**NEWS RELEASE**  
Nevada Department of Veterans Services  
"SERVING NEVADA'S HEROES"

**Contact:**  
Julie Dudley  
Communications Director  
6630 S. McCarran Blvd.  
Bldg. C., Suite 204  
Reno, Nevada 89509  
[Dudleyj@veterans.nv.gov](mailto:Dudleyj@veterans.nv.gov)

---

**For Immediate Release**  
January 21, 2021

**2021 Nevada Women Veterans Virtual Conference**  
**March 3, 2021; Free Registration**

(Reno, Nev.) -- In celebration of Women's History Month, the Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) is hosting a free Nevada Women Veterans Virtual Conference on Tues., March 3, 2021 from 9 a.m. to noon. All Veterans, active duty, Guard, Reserves, community partners, and supporters are invited to attend.

The featured speaker is the first black female prisoner of war in U.S. history, Shoshana Johnson, a U.S. Army veteran and author of *I'm Still Standing: From Captive U.S. Soldier to Free Citizen--My Journey Home*. The first 100 female veteran attendees who register from Nevada will receive a free, autographed copy of Ms. Johnson's book.

Other speakers include:

- Dr. Sarah Súniga, U.S. Army Reserves Veteran, Clinical Psychologist and Women Veterans Program Manager, VA Portland Healthcare System
- Annie Emprima-Martin, Nevada Army National Guard Veteran and Member, Women Veterans Advisory Committee

To register, please visit <https://veterans.nv.gov/women-veteran-events/>

A series of drawings for gift giveaways will occur during the conference. In order to receive a free gift, attendees must register through Eventbrite with a current mailing address, be present for the random drawings, and have a Zoom screen name that matches their Eventbrite registration name.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Ms. Beth Hemmila, NDVS Women Veterans Service Officer at [hemmilab@veterans.nv.gov](mailto:hemmilab@veterans.nv.gov).

NDVS is dedicated to helping Nevada veterans get the services, benefits and quality of life they deserve. In addition to offering benefits counseling and assistance, which includes filing VA claims at no cost, NDVS manages the Northern and Southern Nevada State Veterans Homes and Veterans Memorial Cemeteries. For more information, please visit <https://veterans.nv.gov/>.

###